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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Pieter G. Wybro | |
| | Terry Kryska | |
| Serial No.: | 10/723,212 | Group No.: 3673 |
| Date Filed: | 11/26/2003 | Examiner: |
| For: | BALLAST SYSTEM FOR TENSION LEG PLATFORM | Atty Docket No. MOD009/133583 |

TRANSMITTAL OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. Transmittal herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. Applicant is
 a small entity.
 other than a small entity

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d), 1.8(a) and 1.10)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete, as applicable)

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

| <u>Extension (months)</u> | <u>Fee large entity</u> | <u>Fee for small entity</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 400.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 920.00 | \$ 460.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$ 1,440.00 | \$ 720.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months | \$ 1,960.00 | \$ 980.00 |

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

| Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Extra Present | Rate | Added Fee |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Total: 16 | 20 | 0 | \$9/18 | \$0.00 |
| Independent: 5 | 5 | 0 | \$42/84 | \$0.00 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims: | | \$280/140 | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | Total Additional Fees: | | \$0.00 |

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable).

No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

Total additional fee for claims required \$_____

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is our check in the sum of \$_____ for an extension within fourth month.

Attached is our check in the sum of \$_____ for a petition to revive an application.

Charge Account No. 50-0897 the sum of \$_____

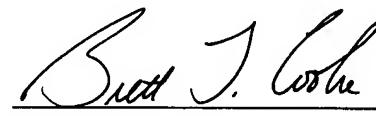
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-0897
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AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 50-0897
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.